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ATTACHMENT

## TRAFFIC OF SHIPS AND GOODS IN ALBANIAN PORTS

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Flow of Traffic:

Based on the reported statistics [redacted], the flow of traffic in Albanian ports registered a further and significant turn, reaching levels which have never before been recorded in the past five years.

The number of arrivals of foreign vessels - in a diminution cycle up to the beginning of the year - continued to decrease, averaging [redacted] no more than one-half unit and a tonnage of 1202 gross tons per day. 50X1-HUM

Chinese [Communist] - Albanian traffic, for example, had registered five ships in the preceding month which had arrived in Durres from China; during the present month, however, not one [Chicom] ship entered an Albanian port, although one lone Chinese vessel (XIN HUA) which had arrived in Durres [redacted] sailed [redacted] for Whampoa with a cargo of about 3,500 tons of minerals, bitumen and miscellaneous goods. 50X1-HUM

In contrast [redacted] five Soviet Bloc ships arrived in Durres [redacted] two from East Germany, one Czech, one Bulgarian, and one Rumanian. These arrivals should be considered purely occasional, inasmuch as these ships had already called at [redacted] Yuoglsav ports and had stopped at Durres solely to take on cargo on their return trips. Only the East German FALKE came to Durres to discharge cargo, 300 tons of miscellaneous goods picked up at Constanta. The Rumanian OLTENIA arrived in Durres [redacted] from Ravenna with 1,063 tons of synthetic rubber, but it is not known whether this was destined for Albania or Rumania. 50X1-HUM

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Two Yugoslav ships were reported as having arrived in Durres [REDACTED] the same number [REDACTED] but it is believed that there was a third ship, probably small, which arrived [REDACTED] and avoided all controls. 50X1-HUM

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The Czechoslovakian JULIUS FUCIK arrived Durres [REDACTED] from Rijeka (Fiume) where it had undergone repairs. Departing Rijeka for the Black Sea and [Communist] China, it called at Durres to take on a load of unidentified goods and materials, probably destined for China. 50X1-HUM

Traffic by Albanian ships was also lower than in preceding months. In addition to movements reported in the attached tabulation, it is reported that the PARTIZANI left Durres [REDACTED] for Poland. (a [REDACTED]) 50X1-HUM

[REDACTED]

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Goods handled on arrival in Albanian ports, and in particular in Durres, amounted to an eighth ("octave") of that handled during the preceding month, barely averaging 200 tons per day, a figure never before reached over the past ten years.

Excluding a lot of 3,500 tons of nitrates and about 1,500 tons of ammonium nitrate, goods received represents small lots loaded [REDACTED].

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No large quantities of grain arrived from Far East or Western ports, after the 10,000 tons which arrived [REDACTED].

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A significant change was noted in exports of iron ore, chrome ore, and especially crude petroleum, which from the 37,000 tons exported [REDACTED] dropped [REDACTED].

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Shipments of Bitumen, citrus fruits and miscellaneous goods were normal.

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Shipping

	<u>Durres</u>	<u>Vlore</u>	<u>Total</u>
Ship Arrivals: and their	20	1	21
Total Tonnages:			49,055 T
Cargo Unloaded			6,302 T*
Cargo Loaded	29,805	18,000	47,805 T

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Passenger Service Albania

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The [redacted] made two trips during the month. Three passengers boarded at Durres and got off at Bari [redacted]. No passengers got on or off Albanian ships [redacted] Yugoslav, or Bulgarian ports.

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